

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from March 28, was held on the 4th day of April, 2006, at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct public hearings regarding setting the percentage of relief for Personal Property Tax at 56.8%, the FY2007 Proposed Budget and the 2007-2011 Capital Improvements Program. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson

Absent:

// City Manager Kimball Payne provided an overview regarding both public hearings.

// A public hearing was held regarding setting the percentage of relief for Personal Property Tax at 56.8% based on the current Personal Property Tax rate of \$3.80. There was no one present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed.

// A public hearing was held regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budgets of the City Government, Public Schools, Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, Airport and Other Funds, and the Proposed 2007-2011 Capital Improvements Program. Helen Haskins, representing the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging, requested financial support for the Agency, citing the benefits of the various programs the Agency provides to the elderly. Jim Weigand requested a five cent reduction in the real estate tax rate. Jane White, Director of the Old City Cemetery, requested full funding of the budget request of \$119,000 to support the salaries of two staff members. Jerry Earnhardt, representing Crisis Line of Central Virginia, requested financial support, citing the benefits of its programs to the citizens of Lynchburg. Katie Cyphert, President of the Lynchburg Education Association, along with Bill Godsey and Dot Marshall requested support of the Schools budget request. Karen Wilder requested support for Arc of Central Virginia. Dr. Rob Jarvis, Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living, along with Wally Sabin asked that the General Relief Program be restored. Lacy Ward, Jr. requested financial support for CASA. Mike Anderson, Dominion Sports Association, requested support for its programs. Arelia Langhorne, Chair of the Electoral Board, requested support for the replacement of the City's voting machines over a three year period. There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

// The meeting was recessed at 8:02 p.m. to April 11, 1:00 p.m., to conduct a work session to finalize the proposed FY 2007 Budget.

Clerk of Council